

Councilmember Phil Lieberman, Glendale Arizona

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International Garbage Truck Competition. Garbage trucks and their drivers will be rolling into the city of Glendale from all over the globe to participate in the International SWANA Road-E-O. The competition takes place at the University of Phoenix Stadium on Saturday, September 4, 8 a.m.-noon. Coined the Olympics for garbage truck drivers, this competition puts the best of the best drivers' skills to the test on a fierce competitive course.

The free community event is sponsored by Beall Trailers of Arizona, and will take place on the north side of the stadium. Some of the activities include a "Touch-a-Truck" event, Recycling Games and Activities and a raffle to benefit the West Side Food Bank. <u>Click here</u> for more information.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Meeting. The next meeting for the Glendale Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan Update will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 22 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Help shape the future of recreation programs and the parks system! Click here for information on the master plan process and the master plan being updated.

Glendale Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month – September 16. The city of Glendale is inviting the community to its Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon on September 16 in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

The event is sponsored by the city's Hispanic Network, an employee organization committed to promote cultural awareness and professional development. The Glendale Hispanic Network is proud to present Armando Flores as the keynote speaker for this event.

The Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, September 16 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. Doors will open for registration at 11 a.m. Individual tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 per table. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500. The deadline to purchase tickets is Wednesday, September 8.

Glendale Recreation After-School Program (G.R.A.S.P.). G.R.A.S.P. is a supervised, drop-in recreation program offering a safe and fun place for Glendale youth, grades first through eighth, to go following school. The professional recreation staff provides a variety of fun and educational programs including study time, indoor/outdoor activities, clubs, games and mini tournaments. Guest speakers may also provide informative and educational messages.

G.R.A.S.P. is held from school dismissal to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday at the following locations:

- Glendale Community Center, 5401 W. Ocotillo Rd.
- O'Neil Recreation Center, 6448 W. Missouri Ave
- Rose Lane Recreation Center, 5003 W. Marlette Ave.
- Barcelona Elementary School (grades 4-8 only), 4432 W. Maryland Ave.

The only charge for the program is a supply fee of \$35 per child/per semester (\$45 for non-Glendale residents). Registration is accepted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Glendale Parks and Recreation office at 5850 W. Glendale Ave. For more information, please call 623-930-4700.

City Construction Project Status

Loop 101/Beardsley Road Connector Project

Northbound Loop 101 will be closed two consecutive nights at Union Hills Drive for concrete pour on bridge.

Traffic will exit and re-enter at Union Hills Drive.

10 p.m. Thursday - 5 a.m. Friday (Aug. 20)

11 p.m. Friday - 6 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 21)

Eastbound Union Hills Drive narrowed between 83rd Avenue and Loop 101 for traffic signal work.

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday (Aug. 23), Tuesday (Aug. 24) and Friday (Aug. 27)

10 p.m - 5 a.m. Monday (Aug. 30) and Tuesday (Aug. 31)

Westbound Union Hills Drive narrowed between 81st Avenue and Loop 101 for traffic signal work.

10 p.m. - 5 a.m. Wednesday (Aug. 25), Thursday (Aug. 26) and Friday (Aug. 27)

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Monday (Aug. 30) and Tuesday (Aug. 31)

For an overview of this project, click here. For this week's update, including upcoming and ongoing restrictions, click here.

Northern Avenue Storm Drain Project. Traffic on Northern Avenue from 47th to 63rd avenues will be reduced to a single lane in each direction through September 30. Traffic on 59th Avenue will be restricted to a single lane north and southbound through the Northern Avenue intersection through September 15.

Glendale Avenue Rubberized Asphalt Overlay Project. Work to mill (remove asphalt) and overlay Glendale Avenue from 57th Drive to 59th Avenue is scheduled to take place this weekend (August 20-22.) During this time, Glendale Avenue will be CLOSED from 57th Drive to 59th Avenue.

Camelback Storm Drain project. East and westbound traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction from 71st to 75th avenues for utility work and pipe installation. For more information, please call 623-930-2940.

For up to date information on the Glendale Avenue Rubberized Asphalt Overlay Project or the Northern Avenue Storm Drain Project, call the project hotline at **1-877-203-0042** or <u>click here</u> for general information on all Glendale construction projects.

Around Town

Click here for the City Council meeting schedule.



Friday Nite Lights: Tonight! Enjoy this fun filled night with your pet from 5-9 p.m., Friday, August 20. Start your evening at the Glendale Visitor Center to pick up a walking map and take a spin on the prize wheel. Some of the activities include photo stations, Frosty Paw treats, an appearance by Topaz from the Glendale Fire Department, watering stations, story hour, pet aura photos, fresh baked dog treats, pet gifts & accessories and a pet parade. The Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, #140, is also collecting pet supplies to benefit the Sun Valley Animal Shelter during the event. <u>Click here</u> or call 623-930-4500 for more information. Friday Nite Lights is held the 3rd Friday every month, year-round with new themes and is presented by the Downtown Historic Business Community and the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau.

Upcoming Election Information. The next city of Glendale election primary will be held on August 24, 2010.

Early ballots are due on or before election day. Read more.

September Business Forum. Business networking through The Business Forum at Glendale Library is a great way of establishing beneficial relationships with potential clients and area business people. On Wednesday, September 1, you are invited to join the group in the large meeting room at Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event is from 5:30 -7:15 p.m. September's speaker, Sharon Ravenscroft, will present "Protect Your Assets: Your Business and Your Family – Wills, Trust, Probate and Estate Administration." Call 602-725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.